

January 30, 2018

Glen Dickinson, Director Legislative Services Agency State Capitol LOCAL

Dear Mr. Dickinson:

This letter provides an update on the centralized debt collection program for the quarter ending December 31, 2017. This report is required quarterly by Iowa Code Chapter 421.17(27) (h.) and (j.) regarding collection results, costs, and positions added.

## **Centralized Collection Program Implementation**

The Centralized Collection Unit (CCU) provides collection services to the Department of Human Services Child Support Recovery Unit (DHS CSRU), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Iowa College Aid, and the Iowa Department of Revenue (IDR). Each agency placing accounts with the CCU may also undertake additional collection efforts beyond those reflected in this report.

As of September 2017, the CCU began providing collection services to Iowa College Aid.

## **Collections by Quarter**

The attached tables show quarterly revenues that were generated by the CCU. Collections for the December 2017 quarter totaled \$10.86 million, an increase of \$0.54 million compared to the same quarter last year (see table 2). When compared to the same quarter of FY 2017, the DNR collections decreased by \$0.01 million and DHS CSRU also decreased by \$0.06 million. IDR Tax Receivables experienced an increase in collections by \$0.57 million. No comparison for FY17 is available for Iowa College Aid.

The tables and figures below reflect only the efforts of the Centralized Collection Unit.

## Cost/Benefit

The Centralized Collection Unit is self-supporting and charges for all direct and indirect costs that are properly allocable to CCU activities. No new positions were added this quarter. Fiscal year costs as a share of CCU collections are provided in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Centralized Collection Unit Cost as a Share of Amount Collected, FY 2015-2017

| Fiscal Year | Cost as a Share of Amount Collected |  |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 2017        | 7.14%                               |  |
| 2016        | 6.84%                               |  |
| 2015        | 7.44%                               |  |

If you have any questions regarding this information, please let me know.

Yours truly

Courtney M. Kay-Decker

Director

| Program           |                |               |              |             |              |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
|                   | September 2017 | December 2017 | March 2018   | June 2018   | FYTD 2018    |
| CCU - IDR         | \$7,866,014    | \$10,703,703  |              |             | \$18,569,718 |
| CCU - DHS CSRU    | \$121,123      | \$110,191     |              |             | \$231,314    |
| CCU - DNR         | \$50,136       | \$7,967       |              |             | \$58,103     |
| CCU - College Aid | \$4,463        | \$42,893      |              |             | \$47,357     |
| Total             | \$8,041,737    | \$10,864,754  |              |             | \$18,906,491 |
|                   | September 2016 | December 2016 | March 2017   | June 2017   | FY 2017      |
| CCU-IDR           | \$8,851,840    | \$10,138,260  | \$9,589,103  | \$7,898,242 | \$36,477,445 |
| CCU - DHS CSRU    | \$167,953      | \$171,912     | \$158,912    | \$115,048   | \$613,825    |
| CCU - DNR         | \$9,015        | \$13,178      | \$13,514     | \$9,842     | \$45,549     |
| CCU - Court       | \$1,627,190    | \$1,577,870   | \$1,047,439  | \$1,373,616 | \$5,626,115  |
| CCU - IWD         | \$212,391      | \$162,297     | \$116,433    | \$91,860    | \$582,981    |
| Total             | \$10,868,388   | \$12,063,518  | \$10,925,401 | \$9,488,607 | \$43,345,915 |
|                   | September 2015 | December 2015 | March 2016   | June 2016   | FY 2016      |
| CCU - IDR         | \$8,957,198    | \$9,365,762   | \$8,370,619  | \$6,735,025 | \$33,428,605 |
| CCU - DHS CSRU    | \$122,570      | \$140,616     | \$158,602    | \$128,827   | \$550,616    |
| CCU - DNR         | \$1,589        | \$1,628       | \$13,243     | \$16,888    | \$33,348     |
| CCU - Court       | \$5,031,483    | \$4,280,084   | \$2,385,138  | \$2,105,038 | \$13,801,743 |
| CCU - IWD         |                |               |              | \$247,920   | \$247,920    |
| Total             | \$14,112,840   | \$13,788,091  | \$10,927,602 | \$9,233,699 | \$48,062,233 |



